

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The main office of the Kumtök Mines is in three caves at DA-844294. The operations office and storage room is in the northernmost cave; the first party headquarters, the labor section and the transportation section are in the southernmost cave and the fiscal section and other offices are in the middle cave.
2. The hospital for the mines is at DA-846297 with an air raid shelter directly behind it that also serves as part of the hospital. About 100 patients are treated each day. Seventy percent of the patients suffer from diseases, mostly malaria or tuberculosis. The remainder are surgical cases, nearly all with wounds suffered in bombing attacks or mine accidents. An isolation ward is about 100 meters north of the main building. The hospital staff consists of 1 surgeon, 4 physicians, 4 pharmacists, 13 nurses, 6 clerks and 2 cooks. The hospital obtains basic medicines such as calcium, camphor, dextrose and potassium chlorate in North Korea while complex medicines such as Salvarsan 606 come from the Soviet Union. There is a shortage of medicines at the hospital.
3. The mines technical training center is at DA-816293. Younger miners who show ability are sent to this school 8 hours a day for 6 months. After graduation they must serve 3 years in the mines supervising non-skilled laborers.
4. The supply section is in a cave at DA-844302. During the period from 12 September 1951 to 14 October 1952, the following items were sold to mine employees at the prices shown:

Item	Quantity	Unit price in NK Won	Comparative Market price
Cotton shirting (Chinese)	24 meters	70 per meter	1,500
Rubber shoes (North Korean)	4 pairs	85 per pair	1,200

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Item	Quantity	Unit price in NK Won	Comparative Market price
Canvas shoes (North Korean)	2 pairs	180 per pair	800
Boots (Czechoslovakian)	1 pair	1200 per pair	13,000
Laundry soap (North Korean)	12 bars	35 per bar	150
Worksuit (North Korean)	1	1150	3,000
Winter suit, two piece, cotton padded (Chinese)	1	1250	5,000

5. A power relay station at DA-846293 supplies current for the mines, making electricity available 16 hours a day. The station supplied current for all the surrounding area until April 1952 when it was reserved solely for the mines. Power for the mines originally came from Tanch'on (N 40-27, E 128-54). Ten transformers spaced about 10 meters apart are at DA-847294, some 200 meters north of the relay station. Half of each transformer is buried in the ground. The transformers are surrounded by barbed wire and camouflaged with pine trees.
6. The vehicle repair shop of the transportation section is at DA-843293. Since no equipment is kept in the area, tools have to be drawn from the operations office whenever vehicles need repair. Parts and tools are requisitioned once a month from the Transportation Bureau in P'yongyang. These materials are shipped from the Soviet Union via Sinuiju. Most vehicles at the Kuntok Mines are fairly new and require few repairs. Gasoline is stored in a cave 50 meters northeast of DA-844294.

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